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CLAIMS

1. A shipping method for delivering an article for shipping accepted from a sender to a recipient, and guaranteeing that the article for shipping has remained unopened in the period from acceptance from the sender until delivery to the recipient, wherein, at time of acceptance of the article for shipping from the sender, sender-provided information entered on a seal by the sender is copied to a sheet for verification, and the article for shipping is sealed with the seal and transported, and on its delivery to the recipient the sender-provided information that the sender entered on the seal is checked against the sender-provided information copied to the sheet for verification, thereby guaranteeing that the article for shipping has remained sealed with the seal having the sender-provided information entered by the sender.

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2. A shipping method according to claim 1, wherein a sheet for verification formed of a translucent material so as to permit viewing therethrough is used, and the sheet for verification is superimposed on the seal to verify the sender-provided information.

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3. A shipping method according to either claim 1 or claim 2, wherein on a slip comprising a sender's copy, recipient's copy and shipping control slip in superimposed fashion so as to enable copying, a seal and sheet for verification are superimposed, sender-provided information entered on the seal is copied to both the sheet for verification and the slip, and the sender-provided information copied to the sheet for verification is checked against the sender-provided information copied to the slip, thereby confirming that the sheet for verification has not been replaced.

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- 4. A shipping method according to claim 3, wherein slip-specific information given to a slip is used to confirm that the slip has not been replaced.
 - 5. A shipping method according to any claim 1 through claim 4, wherein an article for shipping sealed with a seal is delivered to a recipient separately from delivery of a sheet for verification.
- 6. A shipping slip for guaranteeing that an article for shipping has remained unopened, comprising a slip having a sender's copy, recipient's copy and shipping control slip in superimposed fashion so as to enable copying, a seal on

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which sender-provided information can be entered, and a sheet for verification on which sender-provided information identical to that entered on the seal is entered.

7. A shipping slip according to claim 6, wherein among the slip, seal and sheet for verification, the seal is placed on top so that sender-provided information entered on the seal can be copied to the sheet for verification.

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- 8. A shipping slip according to claim 7, wherein sender-provided information entered on a seal is copied to the sheet for verification and the slip.
- 9. A shipping slip according to any one of claim 6, claim 7 or claim 8, wherein the sheet for verification is formed of a translucent material so as enable viewing therethrough, and is superimposed on the seal sealing the article for shipping to verify the sender-provided information.
 - 10. A shipping slip according to any one of claim 6 through claim 9, wherein there is provided a translucent cover seal affixed so as to cover the seal, and the cover seal breaks when peeled from the article for shipping.

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11. A seal set for guaranteeing that the article for shipping has remained unopened comprising a seal on which sender-provided information can be entered superimposed on a sheet for verification to which sender-provided information entered on the seal is copied, wherein the sheet for verification is formed of a translucent material so as to permit viewing therethrough, and is superimposed on the seal sealing the article for shipping to verify sender-provided information.

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